

**515**



**USER'S GUIDE**



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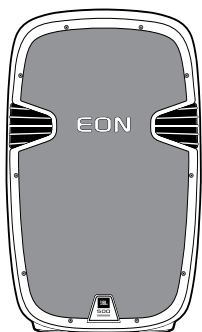
# Section 1: Welcome To The EON Family

Thank you for choosing JBL Professional EON® Series loudspeakers. Since the launch of the very first EON systems in 1995 they have proven to be the loudspeaker system that is all things to everyone and as such remain the best selling powered speaker in professional audio history; congratulations on your choice!

You have now just invested in the next generation of EON, and like the previous versions remain the portable, practical, and powerful choice of industry professionals as well as amateur enthusiasts alike. While retaining the durability and quality of previous generations, the new EONs also offer a host of improvements over the previous models. First and foremost are higher-quality components such as transducers with Differential Drive® technology, which perform better while weighing less. The built-in amplifiers are more powerful, the design more portable and user-friendly, and the addition of mounting and flying points add up to an even more useful and flexible package.

In their quest to be ‘everything for everybody’, the EON Series loudspeakers offer unparalleled flexibility and scalability to provide a variety of solutions for every sound reinforcement need. There are five models in the series – four full-range systems and a subwoofer. Three of the full-range models are powered and one passive. Why passive? A passive version offers the acoustic and physical features to those who just want to upgrade their speakers.

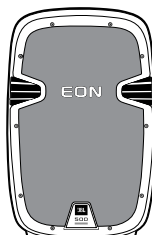
With proper care your EON Series speakers should provide you with many years of flawless performance, and are flexible enough to be a part of your sound reinforcement system even as it grows in scope.



**515**

Powered  
15"  
Two-way  
Bass-reflex

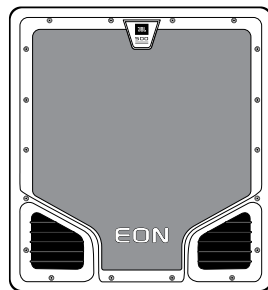
450 W Continuous  
900 W Peak



**510**

Powered  
10"  
Two-way  
Bass-reflex

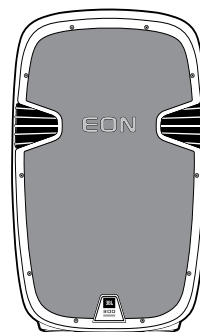
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**518S**

Powered  
18"  
Subwoofer  
Bass-reflex

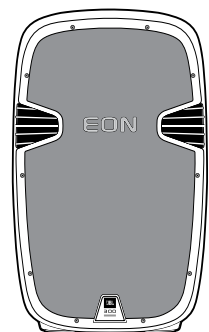
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**315**

Powered  
15"  
Two-way  
Bass-reflex

280 W Continuous  
560 W Peak

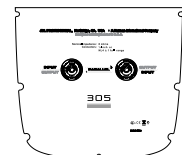
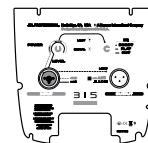
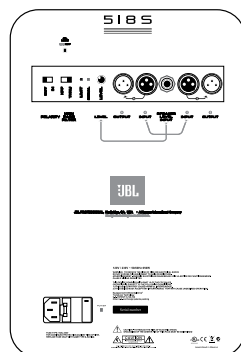
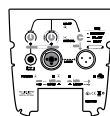
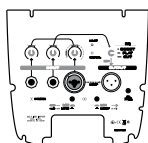


**305**

Passive  
15"  
Two-way  
Bass-reflex

250 W Continuous  
500 W Program  
1000 W Peak

## Back Panel



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## Before You Begin - Important Information

Before using your EON® speaker system please review the following for important information on safety and protection of your investment in quality loudspeakers.

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
14. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
15. If Service Instruction in Owner's Manual: "CAUTION - THESE SERVICING INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR USE BY QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY. TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT PERFORM ANY SERVICING OTHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS UNLESS YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO DO SO."
16. To completely disconnect this apparatus from the AC mains, disconnect the power supply cord plug from the AC receptacle.
17. "WARNING – TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC – SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE."
18. Do not expose this equipment to dripping or splashing and ensure that no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, are placed on the equipment.
19. The mains plug of the power supply cord shall remain readily operable.



## Section 2: Precautions

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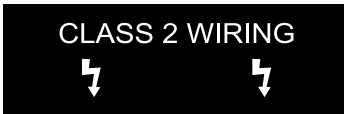
### Watch For These Symbols



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated. “Dangerous Voltage” within the products enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to

persons. The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (Servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the product.

### AC Power Requirements



Before plugging an EON® speaker into an outlet ensure that it is able to provide the appropriate AC power. EON speaker systems have been designed to automatically detect 115V or 230V AC mains voltage 50/60 Hz.

DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OPERATE THE UNIT WITH AN AC POWER SUPPLY LESS THAN 100V OR GREATER THAN 240V. DOING SO MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS DAMAGE TO YOUR SPEAKER SYSTEM WHICH WILL NOT BE COVERED BY WARRANTY.

A robust AC supply is necessary for maximum performance. If the supply is too weak the bass performance may be affected and if it sags (drops) too much the system may self-mute to protect itself. As soon as the appropriate AC supply is restored it will continue to operate. Plugging multiple systems into the same outlet and long extension cord runs may affect the AC supply to the systems.

### CAUTION

In compliance with safety agency criteria and proper system operation, it is critical that the system installer observe all electrical safety practices at all times and provide proper earth grounding for all AC Power connections.

### EON® Power Amplifiers - Operating Temperature

The design of the EON amplifier is such that it is very energy efficient and as a result does not get really hot. In the rare event that it does get too hot it will automatically shut down to protect itself. When its temperature has returned to within its operating range it will turn back on. A condition under which this may occur is when the system is operated in very high ambient temperatures and the heat sink on the rear of the enclosure is in direct sunlight. Always ensure adequate cooling and appropriate shade.

### Care and Maintenance

While your EON speakers are rugged and will provide years of service, some common sense care in handling will prevent damage and preserve appearance.

- If your speakers will be frequently moved, consider a padded carrying bag.
- If your EON speakers have been subjected to prolonged exposure to extreme low temperatures, avoid subjecting them to heavy mechanical shock and warm the speakers up by playing at a low volume for one hour before playing at loud levels.
- Keep the exterior of the speaker enclosure clean. Clean only with a dry cloth.
- EON speakers are not intended for fixed installation in outdoor environments. Moisture can damage the speaker cone and surround, cause corrosion of electrical contacts, and create an electrical shock hazard. Protect your speakers from moisture. Avoid exposing the speakers to direct moisture. Any electrically powered device can produce dangerous shock hazards when wet or exposed to moisture. Keep speakers out of extended or intense direct sunlight. The driver's integrity may be affected and finished surfaces will be degraded by long-term exposure to intense ultra-violet (UV) light.

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THIS APPARATUS CONTAINS POTENTIALLY LETHAL VOLTAGES. TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK OR HAZARD, DO NOT REMOVE CHASSIS, INPUT MODULE OR AC INPUT COVERS. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

## **Mounting / Suspending EON® Speakers**

EON speakers are designed for portable applications in which the speakers will be stacked directly on the floor, stage, speaker stands, or a solid, stable platform. When placed on a smooth surface such as polished wood or linoleum, the speakers may move due to acoustical energy output. Precautions should be taken to assure that the speaker does not fall off the stage or table on which it is placed. Optional accessory items are available from JBL Professional and after-market suppliers to facilitate suspension and wall /ceiling mounting of EON speakers. Only those items recommended by JBL Professional should be used. When using these items, review all enclosed documentation and carefully follow all instructions and safety precautions.

**CAUTION:** *Suspension of EON speakers should be done by qualified persons following safe rigging standards and practices. Unsafe mounting or overhead suspension of any heavy load can result in serious injury and equipment damage.*

**CAUTION:** *When suspending this product carefully follow JBL instructions and local ordinances. Do not attempt to use unless you have read and understood all instructions including the JBL User's Guide. Attachment of the loudspeaker to a supporting structure should be referred to a qualified professional.*

## **Stand Mounting Safety Precautions**

EON series full range models include a 36 mm receptacle cup to allow mounting on tripod stands or on a pole over subwoofers. When using stands or poles, be sure to observe the following precautions:

- EON speakers include a thumb-screw that must be tightened to secure the speaker to the tripod stand. Before mounting the speaker on the stand, be sure to loosen the screw so that it doesn't prevent the pole from fully penetrating the socket.
- Check the stand or pole specification to be certain the device is designed to support the weight of the speaker. Observe all safety precautions specified by the manufacturer.
- Always verify that the stand (or subwoofer/pole) is placed on a flat, level and stable surface and be sure to fully extend the legs of tripod type stands. Position the stand so that the legs do not present a trip hazard.
- Route cables so that performers, production crew, and audience will not trip and topple the speakers over.
- Inspect the stand (or pole and associated hardware) before each use and do not use equipment with worn, damaged or missing parts.
- Do not attempt to place more than one EON series speaker on a stand or pole.
- Always be cautious in windy, outdoor conditions. It may be necessary to place additional weight (i.e. sandbags) on the base of the stand to improve stability. Avoid attaching banners or similar items to any part of a speaker system. Such attachments could act as a sail and topple the system.
- Unless you are confident that you can handle the weight of the speaker, ask another person to help you get it onto the tripod stand or pole.

## **Hearing Damage, Prolonged Exposure to Excessive SPL**

EON series loudspeakers are easily capable of generating sound pressure levels (SPL) sufficient to cause permanent hearing damage to performers, production crew and audience members. Caution should be taken to avoid prolonged exposure to SPL in excess of 90 dB.

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## **EON® Series Speakers Declaration Of Conformity**

### **Safety And EMC Compliance Specifications**

EN 55103-1:1997 Electromagnetic Compatibility - Product Family Standard for Audio, Video, Audio-Visual and Entertainment Lighting Control Apparatus for Professional Use, Part 1: Emissions

EN 55103-1:1997 Magnetic Field Emissions-Annex A@ 10 cm and 20 cm

EN 55022:2003 Limits and Methods of Measurement of Radio Disturbance Characteristics of ITE: Radiated, Class B Limits; Conducted, Class A

EN 55103-2:1997 Electromagnetic Compatibility - Product Family Standard for Audio, Video, Audio-Visual and Entertainment Lighting Control Apparatus for Professional Use, Part 2: Immunity

EN 61000-4-2: A2:2001 Electrostatic Discharge Immunity (Environment E2-criteria B, 4 kV Contact, 8 kV Air discharge)

EN 61000-4-3:2003 Radiated, Radio-frequency, Electromagnetic Immunity (Environment E2, criteria A)

EN61000-4-4:2005 Electrical Fast Transient/Burst Immunity (criteria B)

EN 61000-4-5:2001 Surge Immunity (criteria B)

EN 61000-4-6:1996 Immunity to Conducted Disturbances Induced by Radio-Frequency Fields (criteria A)

EN 61000-4-11:2004 Voltage Dips, Short Interruptions and Voltage Variation

UL 6500 2nd Edition 1999 Audio/Video and Musical Instruments Apparatus for Household, Commercial, and Similar General Use

### **UL Compliance Specifications**

UL60065/C22.2 No. E60065:03/IEC 60065 7th Ed.

### **FCC Compliance Notice**

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

CAUTION: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However there is no guarantee that the interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio and television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to collect the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio / TV technician for help.



## Section 3: Quick Start

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Congratulations on your purchase of JBL Professional EON® Series loudspeakers! We know you are anxious to get up and running as fast as possible, which is why you are reading this section. The following will help you get set up as soon as possible.

### Packaging Contents

Your EON515 system should include the following:

- 1 x EON515 speaker
- 1 x 10'(3m) IEC Power Cable
- 1 x User's Guide

1. Refer to the Application Examples with EON515 in Section 6.
2. Turn the INPUT 1, 2, and 3 controls fully counter-clockwise.
3. Set the MIC/LINE switch:
  - If a microphone will be connected directly to INPUT 3, set the MIC/LINE switch to the MIC position (depressed). The MIC LED will illuminate when power is turned on.
  - If a mixer, CD player, cassette tape, or electronic musical instrument (the "source") will be connected directly to INPUT 3, set the MIC/LINE switch to the LINE position (disengaged).
4. Set the EQ control to the center position – Flat.
5. Plug the power cable into a properly grounded 3-wire AC power outlet
6. Plug the XLR cable from the mixer or microphone into the INPUT 3 connector.
7. Connect other sources (if used) to the LINE 1 and LINE 2 input connectors.

#### 8. POWER-UP PROCEDURE

*The main power switch is located on the input panel on the back of the enclosure. Always ensure that the speaker system is the last thing you power-up, and the first thing to turn off when operating your complete PA system. If speaker systems are daisy chained together always turn off the last system in the chain first. Power "on" is indicated by the illumination of the logo on the front of the enclosure and the power "on" LED.*

- First, switch on the power to the mixer, audio sources, or musical instruments that are feeding your EON.
- Next, turn on the power switch.
- Reverse this process when shutting down your system.

#### 9. SET VOLUME

- If you are using an audio mixing console, refer to the manufacturer's instructions to properly set gain structure.
- Turn up your sources to the level that will be used in performance and talk, sing or play into the system.
- Bring the INPUT 3 control up (clockwise) until the desired volume has been reached. If you are using a microphone, turn the INPUT 3 control up slowly to avoid feedback.
- If you are using the INPUT 1 and INPUT 2 inputs, bring the INPUT 1 and INPUT 2 controls up until the desired volume has been reached.

#### 10. CHECK THE LIMIT LED

The LIMIT indicator flashes when the loudspeaker's on-board amplifiers are approaching maximum output. Occasional flashes are normal for very loud operation. However, if the LIMIT LED stays illuminated, the sound may be distorted and it is an indication that more speakers or a lower performance volume may be required for your specific application.

## Section 4: About the EON515

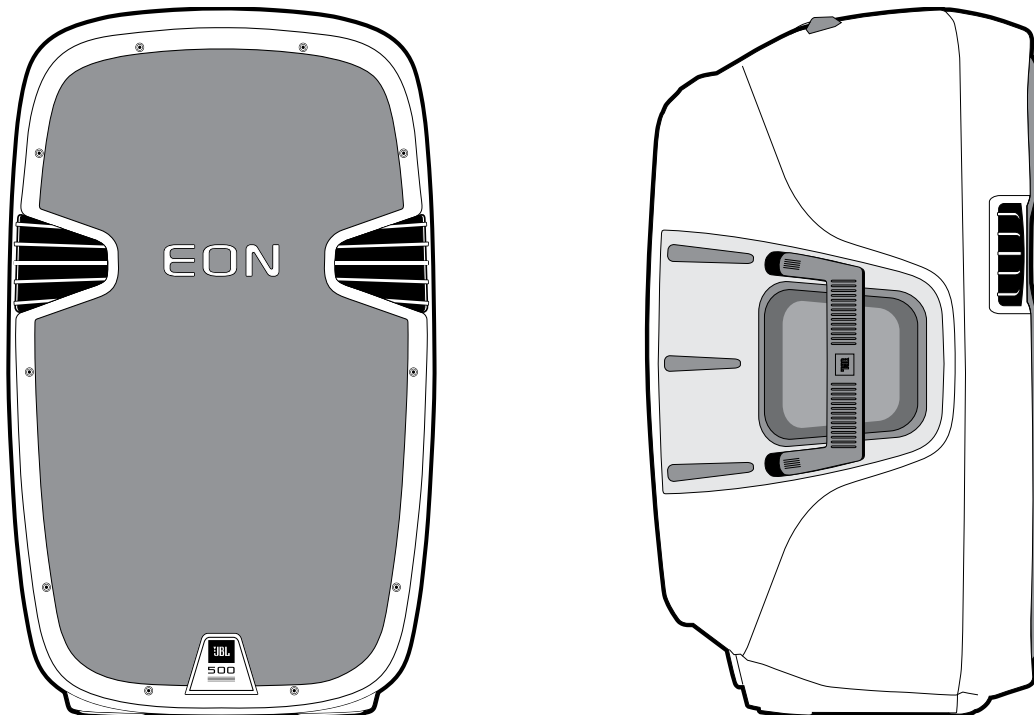
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### Applications

- Live sound reinforcement, speech and vocals, music playback in entertainment, A/V, and institutional venues - especially when ease of use and portability are important factors.
- Amplification, mixing, and monitoring for electronic musical instruments.
- Everywhere you need to be heard.

### Features

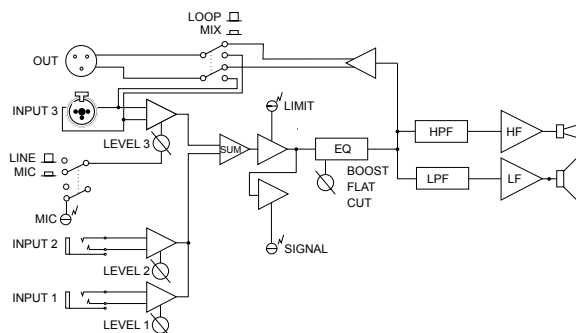
- 450 watt Powered High Performance Speaker System.
- True portability weighing only 14.3 kg (31.5 lb).
- Multiple handles with comfort rubber grips for easy transport.
- 15" Differential Drive® low-frequency driver with neodymium magnet for low-distortion and light weight.
- 1" throat diameter next generation JBL neodymium compression driver.
- Built-in 3 Channel Mixer.
- 100° H x 60° V asymmetrical wave guide for uniform audience coverage.
- Line Level and Direct Microphone Input Capability.
- Selectable Pre-engineered EQ settings.
- Unique Mix/Loop signal flow function for extended system application.
- Easy “daisy-chain” connections for extending the system.
- Integrated M10 suspension points for easy rigging.
- Multi angle enclosure for main or monitor applications.
- Integrated 36 mm pole mount socket with anti-wobble securing screw.
- Efficient Class-D amplifier technology.
- Highly designed composite enclosures for durability, lightweight, acoustic performance.



# EON515 Specifications

System Type:	Self powered 15", two-way, bass-reflex design
Frequency Range (-10 dB):	39 Hz -20 kHz (EQ in 'Flat' position)
Frequency Response ( $\pm 3$ dB):	42 Hz - 18 kHz (EQ in 'Flat' position)
Coverage Pattern:	100° H x 60° V nominal
Directivity Index (DI):	9 dB [75 Hz to 6.5 kHz]
Directivity Factor (Q):	7.94
Crossover Frequency:	1.7 kHz
System Power Rating:	450 W continuous, 900 W peak
LF Power amp:	350 W continuous at driver impedance
HF Power amp:	100 W continuous at driver impedance
Distortion:	Less than 0.1% at rated power
Maximum SPL:	129 dB
Signal indicators:	Limit: Red LED indicates input overload condition Signal: Green LED indicates signal present Mic/Line: Red LED indicator
Input Gain (input 3):	Mic position: -infinity to +40 dB Line position: -infinity to +4 dB (+20 dBu Max signal input)
Input Gain (input 1 & 2):	-Infinity to +4 dB (+20 dBu Max signal input)
Input Impedance:	64 K Ohms (balanced), 32 K Ohms (unbalanced)
Boost EQ:	LF +3.5 dB Shelving Filter @ 200 Hz HF +3 dB Shelving Filter @ 5.3 kHz
Low Cut Filter:	Preset high pass @ 120 Hz
LF Driver:	1 x JBL 265F-1 380 mm (15 in) Differential Drive® integrated woofer with dual 2" voice coils
HF Driver:	1 x JBL 2414H 25.4 mm (1 in) neodymium compression driver
Input 3 connector:	Balanced XLR / ¼ inch TRS combo jack with XLR loop through
Input 1 & 2 connectors:	Balanced ¼ inch TRS jack
Output (Loop/Mix switch):	Balanced male XLR, +20 dBu (peak) o/p level in MIX position
XLR PIN Assignments:	Pin 2(+), Pin 3(-), Pin 1(GND)
Limiting/Protection:	Dynamic Limiter
Enclosure:	PP impact copolymer, multi-purpose main & monitor orientation
Handles:	One left/right side, one on top, with rubber grip
Suspension / Mounting:	36 mm pole socket with stabilizing screw, 4 x M10 suspension points, 1 M10 pull-back point
Grille:	Powder coated perforated steel with acoustically transparent black screen backing.
AC input:	120 – 230v, 50/60 Hz
Dimensions (H x W x D):	685 x 432 x 368 mm (26.5 in x 16 in x 14.5 in)
Net Weight:	14.3 kg (31.5 lb)

## Block Diagram



## Back Panel

### INPUT 1 & INPUT 2 Level Controls

These controls adjust the level of the inputs connected to INPUTS 1 and 2.

### INPUT 3 Level Control

Adjusts the level of INPUT 3. Use this control to match the input sensitivity of the EON515 to the output level of the mixer, microphone, or instrument connected to INPUT 3.

It is a common misconception that this control changes the power of a system. Your EON515 will produce its rated output power no matter where this control is set. The INPUT 3 control determines how much signal is required at the input in order to drive the system to full output.

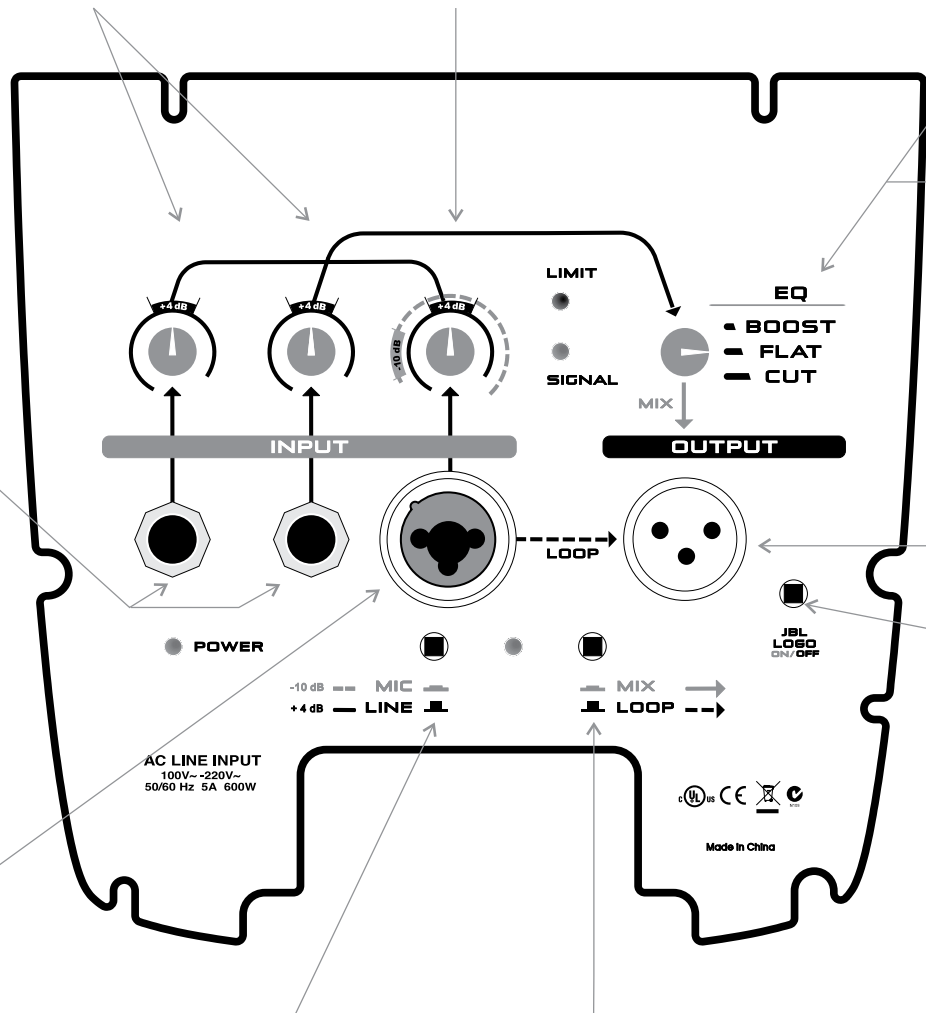
### INPUT 1 & INPUT 2 Connectors

These 1/4" phone jacks are intended for use with audio devices including cassette tape, CD, MP3 players, computer sound-card outputs, electronic keyboards, and electric/acoustic musical instruments.

INPUTS 1 and 2 are balanced (TRS) but will accept unbalanced inputs with no special adapters needed.

### INPUT 3 Connector

This balanced input accepts a standard XLR (female) connector and also a 1/4" TRS phone plug. A broad range of signals (-44 dBu to +20 dBu nominal) from microphones, audio mixing consoles, and electronic musical instruments may be connected here. When using a single audio input to the speaker, this is the input to use. The sensitivity of this input is controlled by the MIC/LINE SWITCH and the INPUT 3 rotary control.



### MIC/LINE Switch

The MIC/ LINE switch affects only INPUT 3. It selects between two sensitivity ranges. This switch is used to match the input sensitivity of the EON515 with the output level of the device connected to INPUT 3. Depressing the MIC/LINE switch selects MIC (High Sensitivity).

*CAUTION: Before adjusting this switch, be certain to rotate the INPUT 3 control fully counter-clockwise. After the MIC/LINE switch has been depressed, slowly rotate the INPUT 3 control clock-wise until the desired volume has been reached.*

- Use the MIC position (depressed) when a microphone is connected to INPUT 3.
- Use the LINE position (disengaged) when a line level source such as an audio mixing console, audio playback device, or electronic musical instrument is connected to INPUT 3.

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## Back Panel

### EQ Control

This has been designed to optimize the EON system's frequency response (or sonic characteristic) dependent on the application. There are three pre-defined system equalization settings;

### EQ - Boost

When the control is switched to the Boost setting low frequency and high frequency equalization is applied; +3.5 dB shelving filter at 200 Hz and +3 dB shelving filter at 5.3 kHz. With the Boost applied low level music playback will sound much fuller with increased high frequency clarity.

### EQ- Flat

This is the neutral setting with no extra EQ applied and should be utilized in most typical PA applications. It is as it says, flat so the frequency response is linear and unaltered. In this setting more level will be achievable at the maximum performance limits of the system.

### EQ - Cut

The EQ – Cut position does exactly that, it cuts away low frequency from the systems response. This is applied at 120 Hz (-6 dB). This position should be selected when used with a subwoofer.

As the subwoofer handles low frequencies the EON does not have to and as such will actually play louder. \* Cutting the low frequencies is also useful if the EON is only being used for speech reproduction, not only will the system be less susceptible to feedback speech will be more intelligible. This also applies to the EON's application as a floor monitor.

\* **Note:** When using with the EON518S ensure that the High Pass Filter (HPF) and EQ-Cut are NOT selected at the same time. Using both at the same time will result in a poor crossover match. It is possible to experiment with the system if the HPF is not engaged by selecting CUT or FLAT.

### OUT Connector

This XLR (male) output connector works with the MIX/LOOP SWITCH to provide a method of sending audio from your EON515.

### LOGO ON/OFF

This switch will turn off the illuminated logo on the front of the speaker when depressed and on again when re-engaged.

### MIX/LOOP Switch

This switch selects the source of the signal for the OUT connector.

**CAUTION:** Before adjusting this switch, be certain to set the input level control of any equipment connected to this output to its minimum gain (least sensitive) setting.

- In the disengaged position, only the signal from the INPUT 3 connector is routed directly to the OUT connector. Changing the other settings on the audio panel will not affect the OUT signal.

The INPUT 1 and INPUT 2 inputs will not be present at the OUT connector.

Use this setting when you want to feed multiple EON powered speakers the same signal.

- In the MIX position (depressed), a post-EQ blend of all inputs to the speaker (INPUT 1, 2, and 3) will be sent to the OUT connector. Any changes to input level settings or EQ will affect the OUT signal.



See Section 6: **Application Examples - Using the Mix/Loop Function** for details on how this mode may be used.

## Back Panel

### LIMIT Indicator

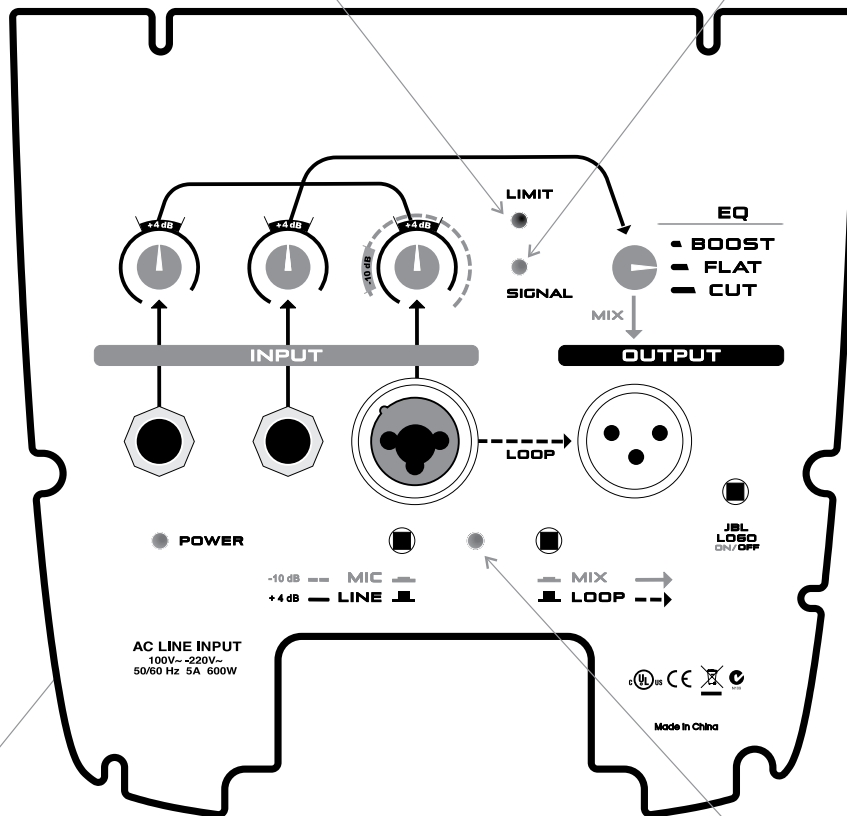
The LIMIT LED (Red) illuminates to indicate that the system is approaching clipping. The threshold for this is actually about 2 dB below clipping. An occasional flickering of this light on the loudest peaks is acceptable. If this LED is on for more than the duration of brief dynamic peaks, the system is being over-driven. Continuously over-driving the system will result in unpleasant and fatiguing distortion and may lead to premature failure of your speaker system.

If the LIMIT LED illuminates excessively:

- Reduce INPUT 1, 2, and 3.
- Reduce the output level of the mixer, musical instrument, or other source connected to the speaker.
- If there is a great deal of external LF EQ or HF EQ boost, return the controls to the "flat" (centered) position.

### SIGNAL Indicator

The SIGNAL LED (Green) illuminates to indicate a usable signal is present at connected INPUTs.



### POWER Indicator

This LED (Blue) lights to indicate that the EON is plugged in and switched ON.

### MIC Indicator

This LED (Red) lights to indicate that the MIC/LINE switch is in the MIC (depressed) position.

## Section 5: Loudspeaker Placement and Suspension

The following guidelines will help you achieve optimum sound wherever you use your EON® loudspeakers:

### Raise the speakers as high as possible.

For best results try to get the high frequency horn at least 2 to 4 feet above the heads of the audience. If the speakers are too low, the people in the back of the audience will not receive the best quality sound.

### Place the speakers between the microphones and the audience.

Feedback occurs when the microphones pick up sound from the speakers and “feed” the sound back through the sound system. If space is limited, point the speakers away from the microphones to reduce feedback.

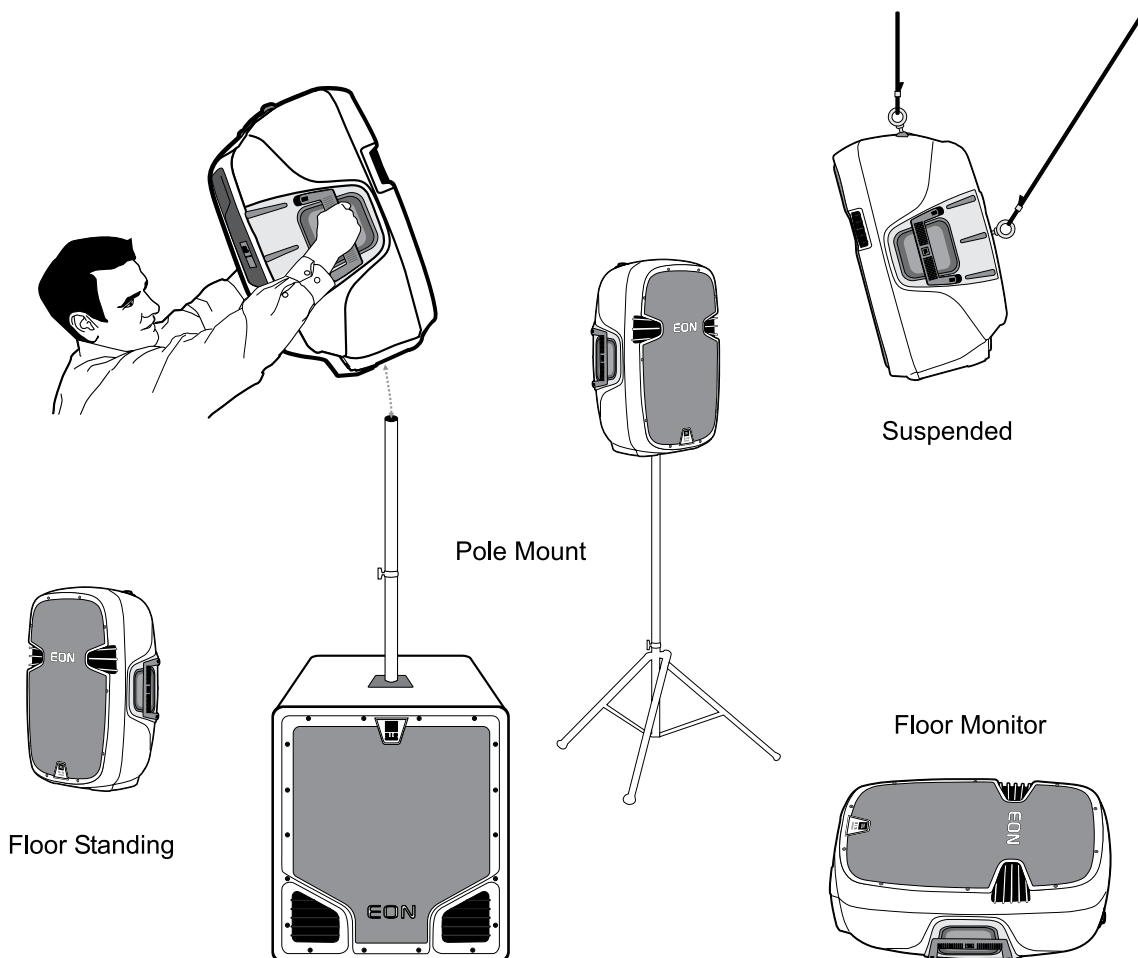
### Locate the speakers away from turntables.

Low-frequency feedback occurs when the output of the speaker is picked up by the tone arm of the turntable and is re-amplified. A heavy, solid turntable base and shock mounting can also reduce this type of feedback in DJ applications.

### Use more speakers in large or highly reverberant spaces.

Spreading speakers throughout these spaces will produce much better sound than trying to compensate with loudness level or equalization. For very long distances, the use of another set of speakers with time delay is recommended.

**Stand speakers upright for PA - Tilt the speakers back on the side for stage monitoring.** Upright stance provides even coverage over a wide area. EON speakers are also designed with two slanted positions for stage monitoring applications.



## Using the suspension points

**CAUTION:** Suspension of EON® speakers should be done by qualified persons following safe rigging standards and practices. Unsafe mounting or overhead suspension of any heavy load can result in serious injury and equipment damage.

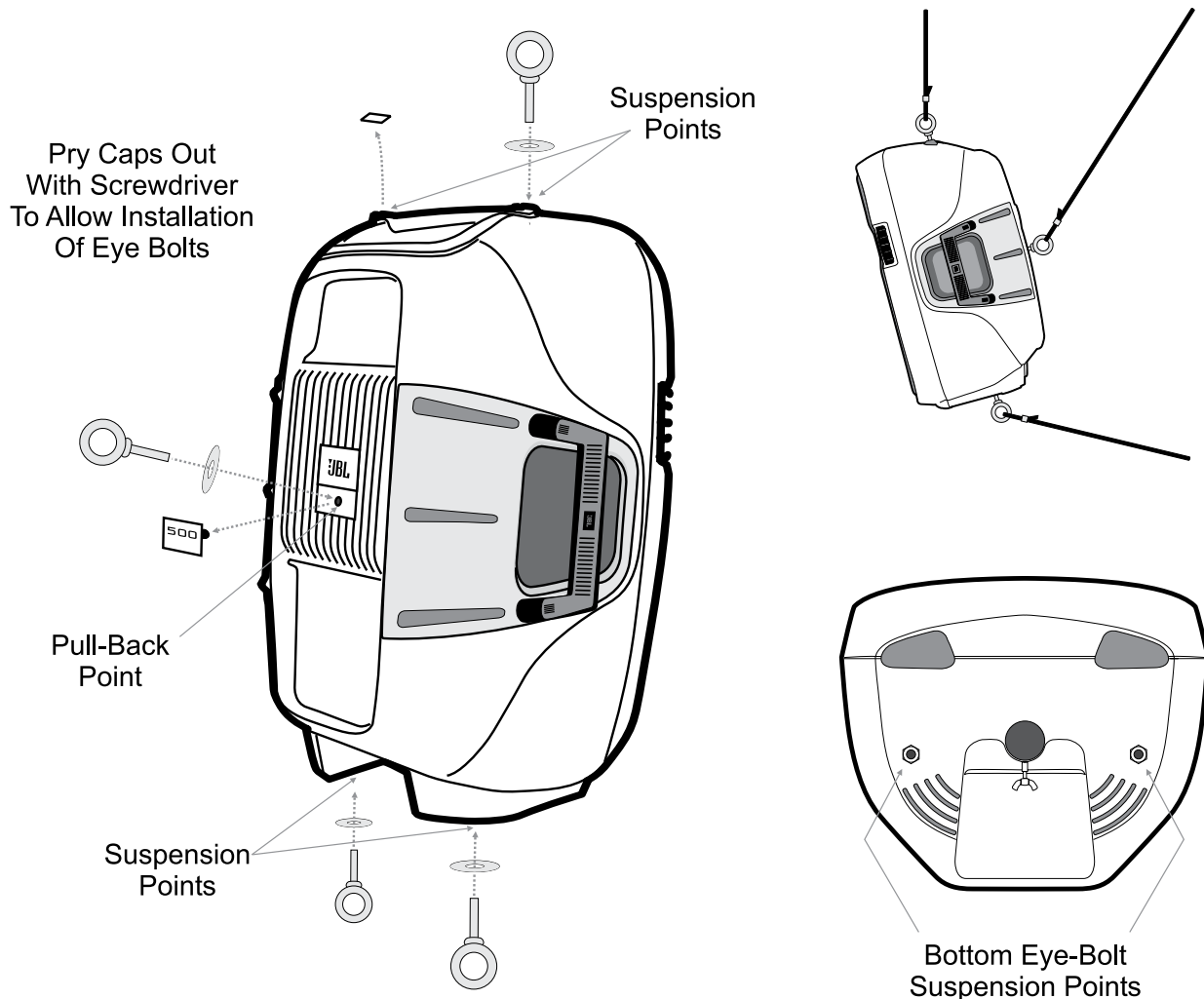
**CAUTION:** When suspending this product carefully follow JBL instructions and local ordinances. Do not attempt to use unless you have read and understood all instructions including the JBL User's Guide. Attachment of the loudspeaker to supporting structure should be referred to a qualified professional.

**CAUTION:** Do not suspend speaker from pull-back point.

Before suspending the system, inspect all components involved for cracks, deformations, corrosion and/or missing or damaged parts that could reduce strength and safety of the installation.

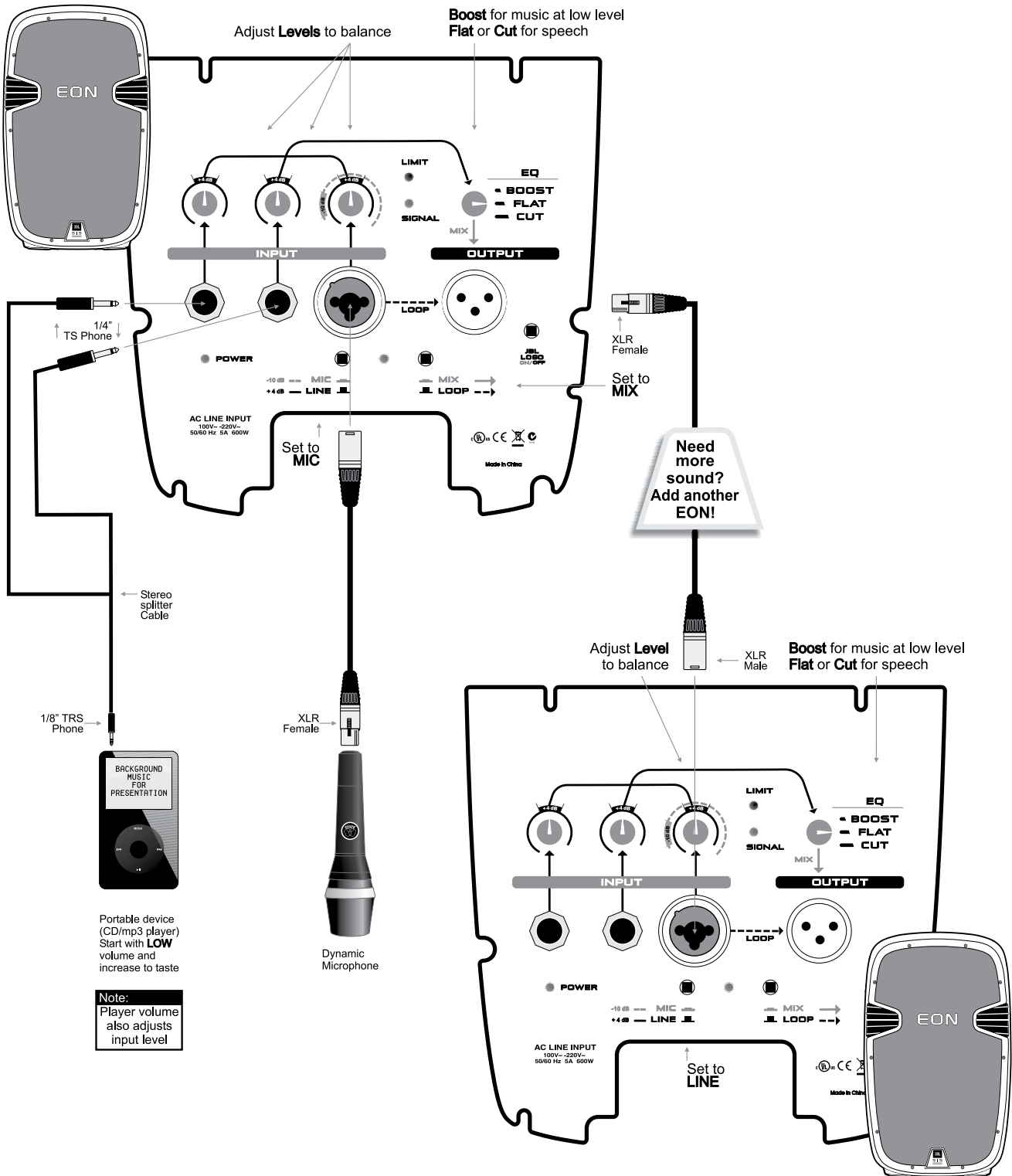
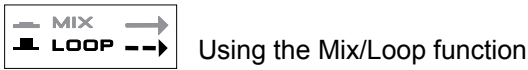
1. Remove suspension point caps
2. Insert load rated shoulder eyebolt with washer and tighten appropriately

Never suspend more than one EON system from it's suspension points.

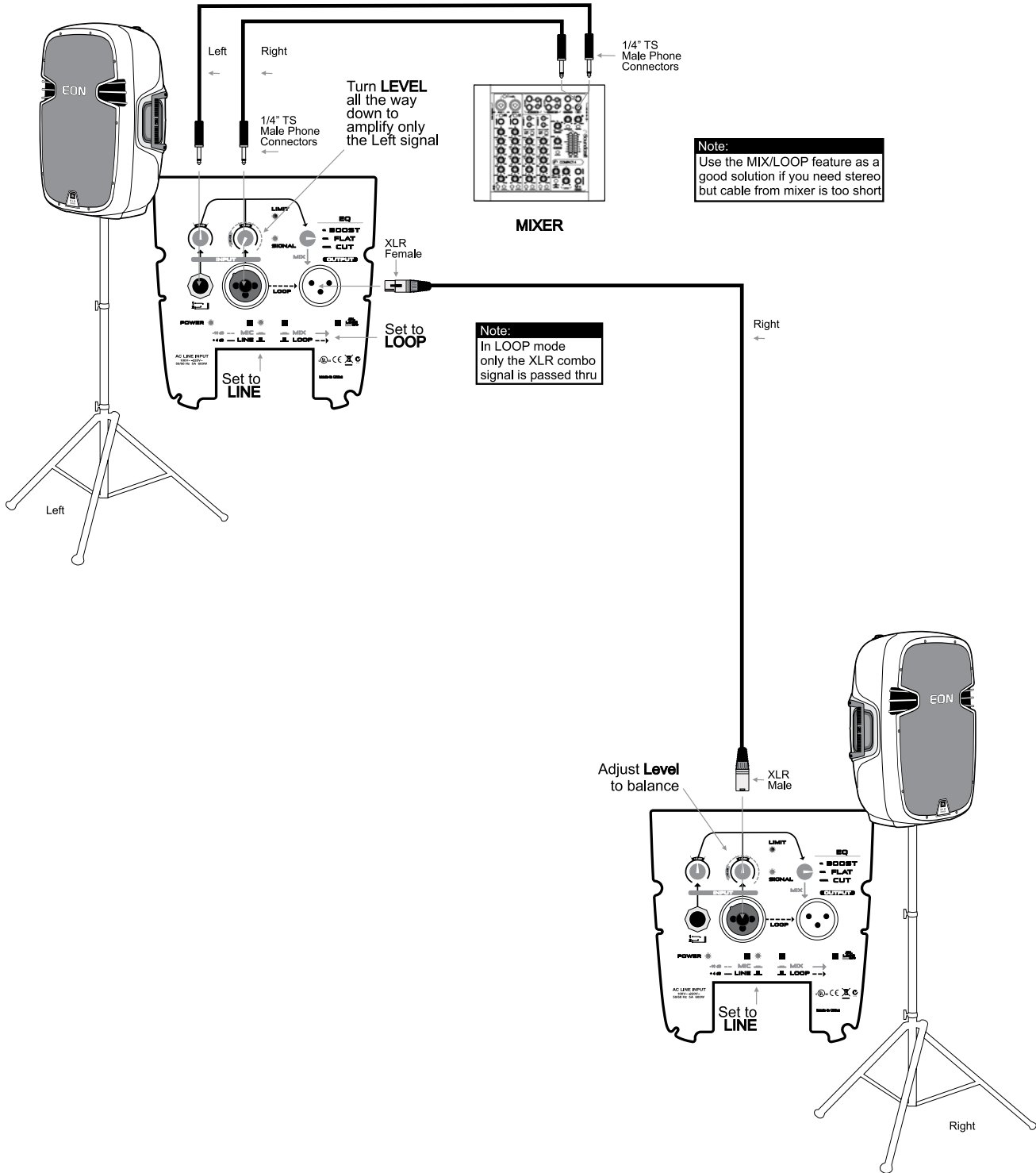
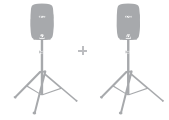




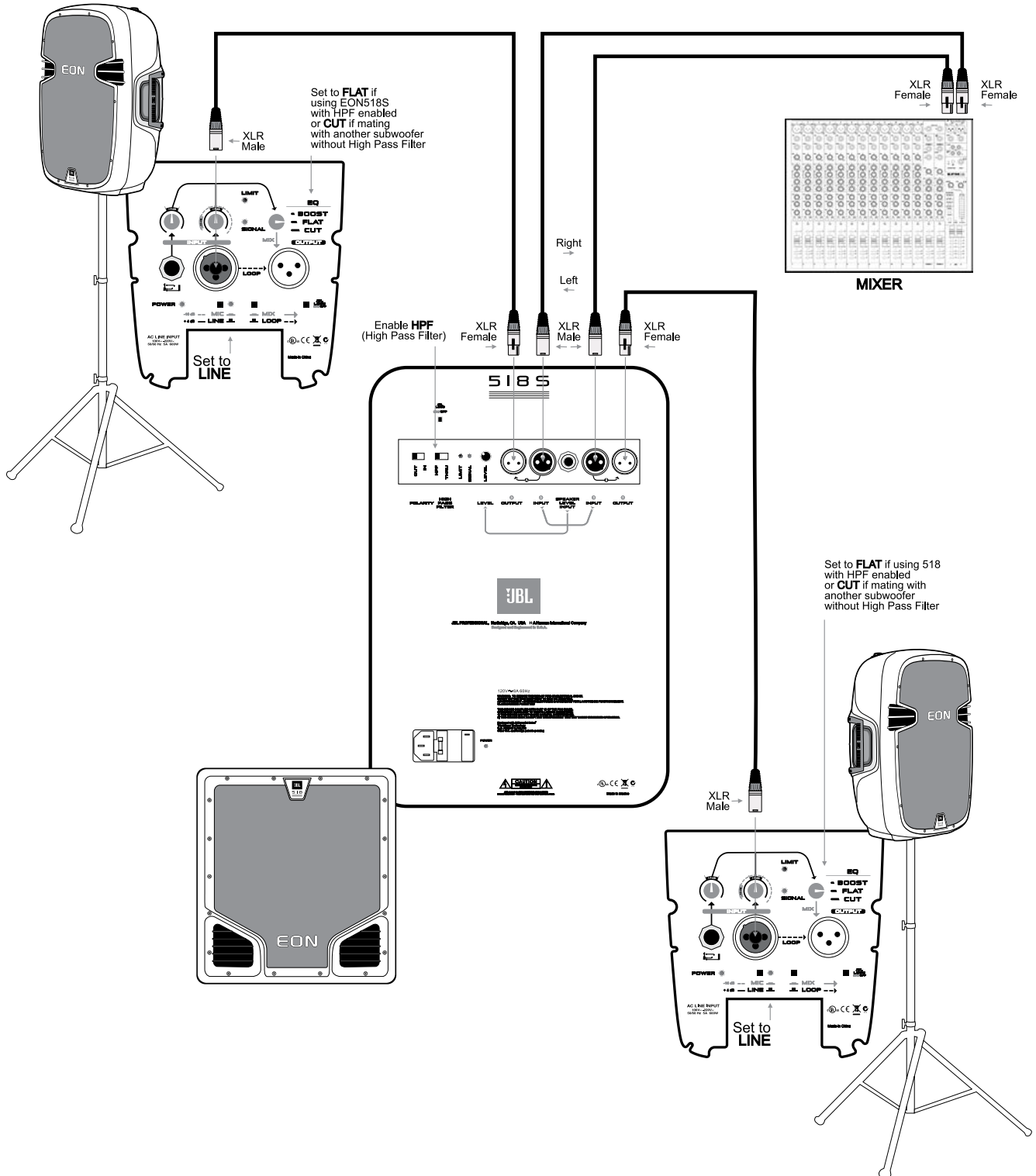
## Simple PA Using Built-In Mixer



## Small PA Using External Mixer



Simple PA Using External Mixer and Subwoofer

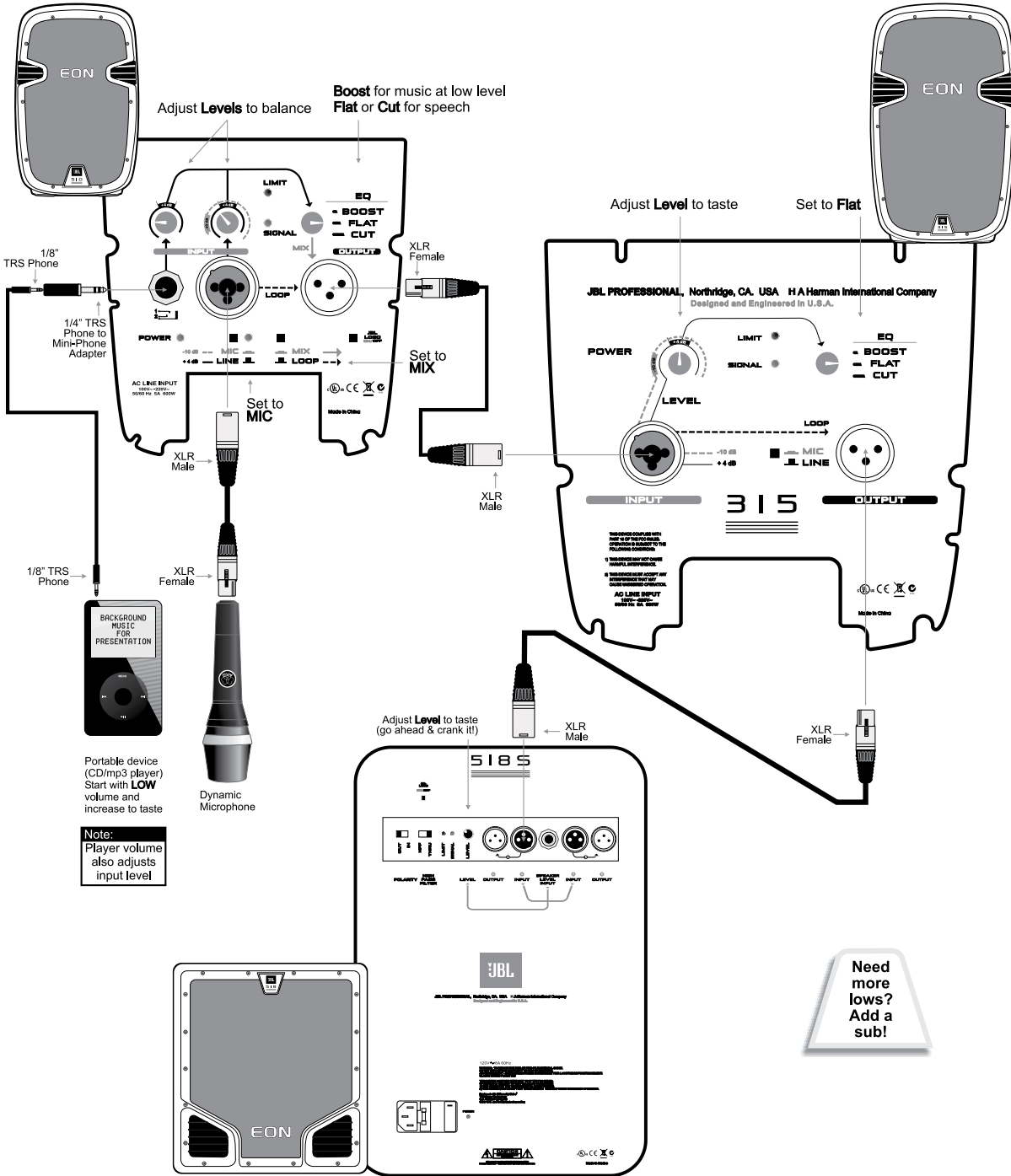


# Section 6: Application Examples EON315 - EON510 - EON518S

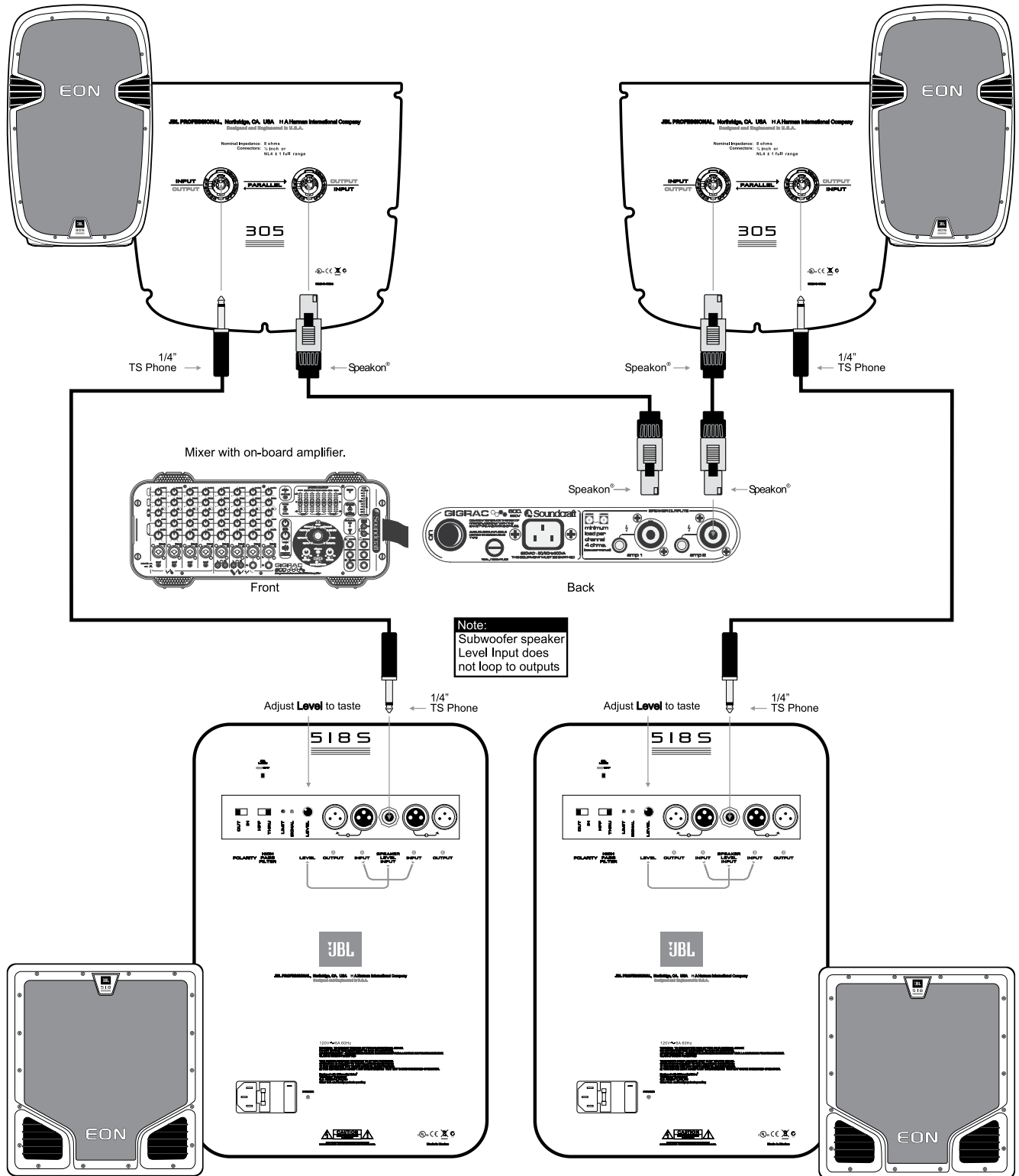
## Simple PA Using Built-In Mixer And Adding More Power



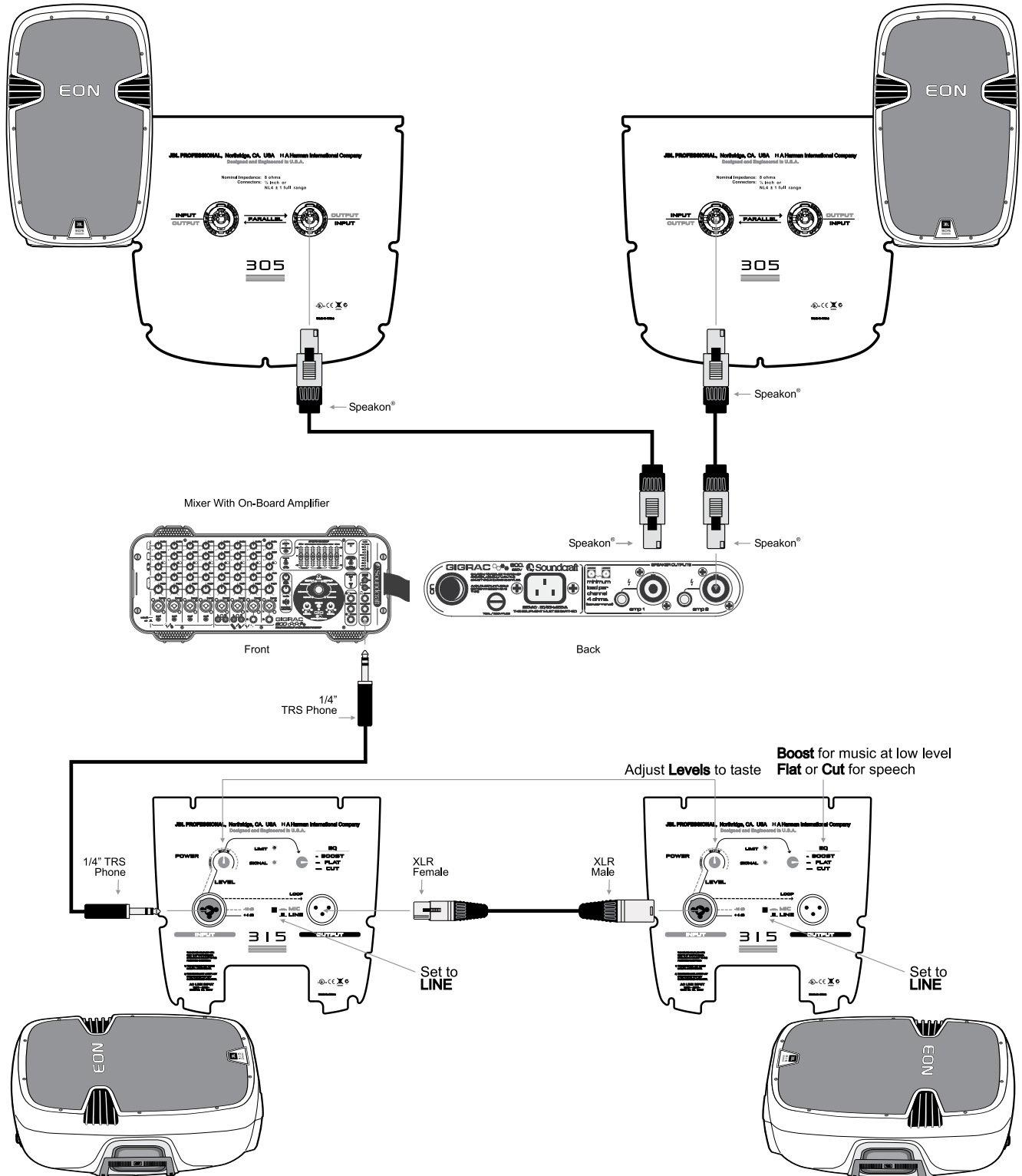
Using the Mix/Loop function



PA Using Powered Mixer And Powered Subwoofers



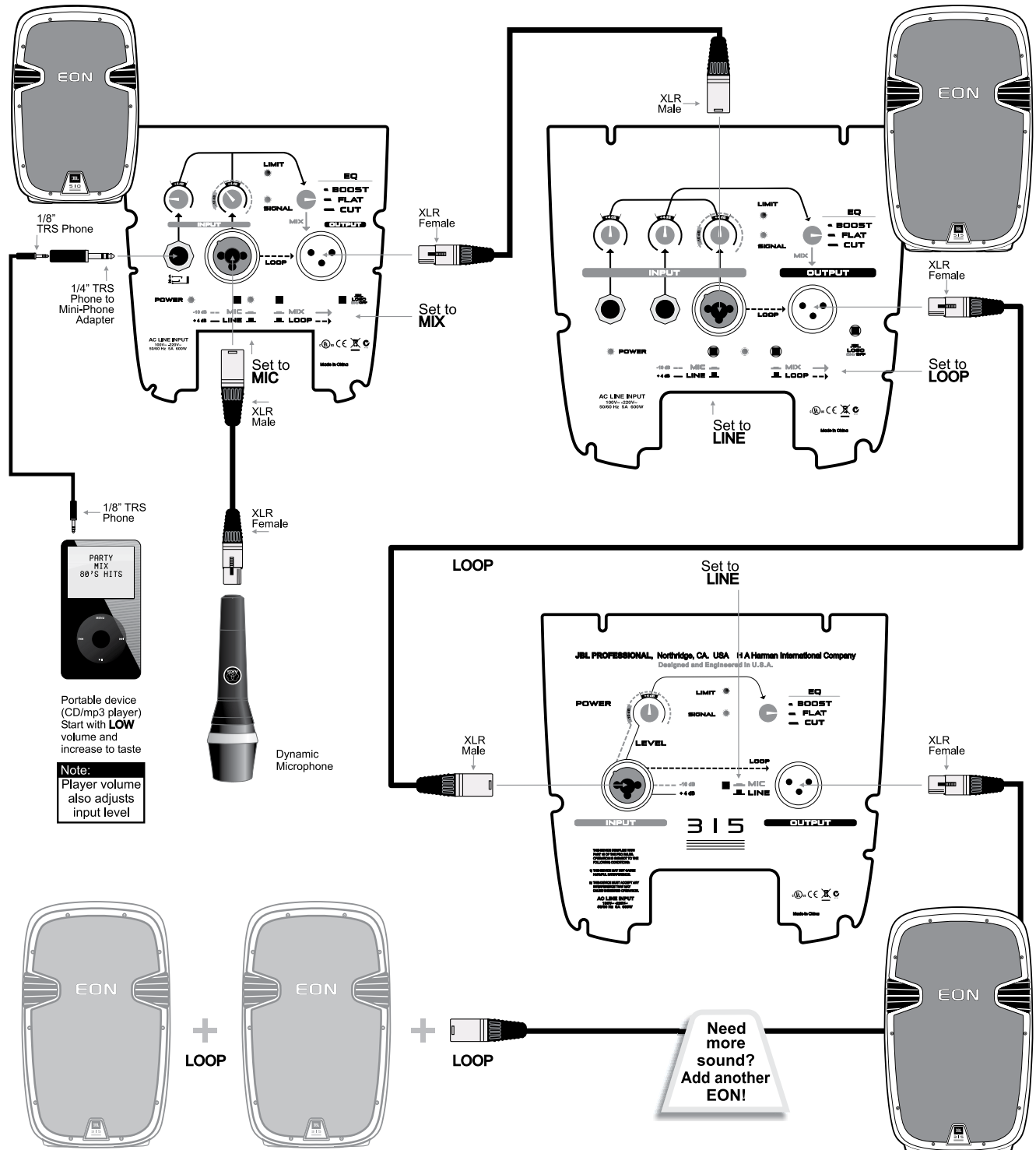
## PA Using Powered Mixer And Powered Monitors



Daisy-Chaining a PA System



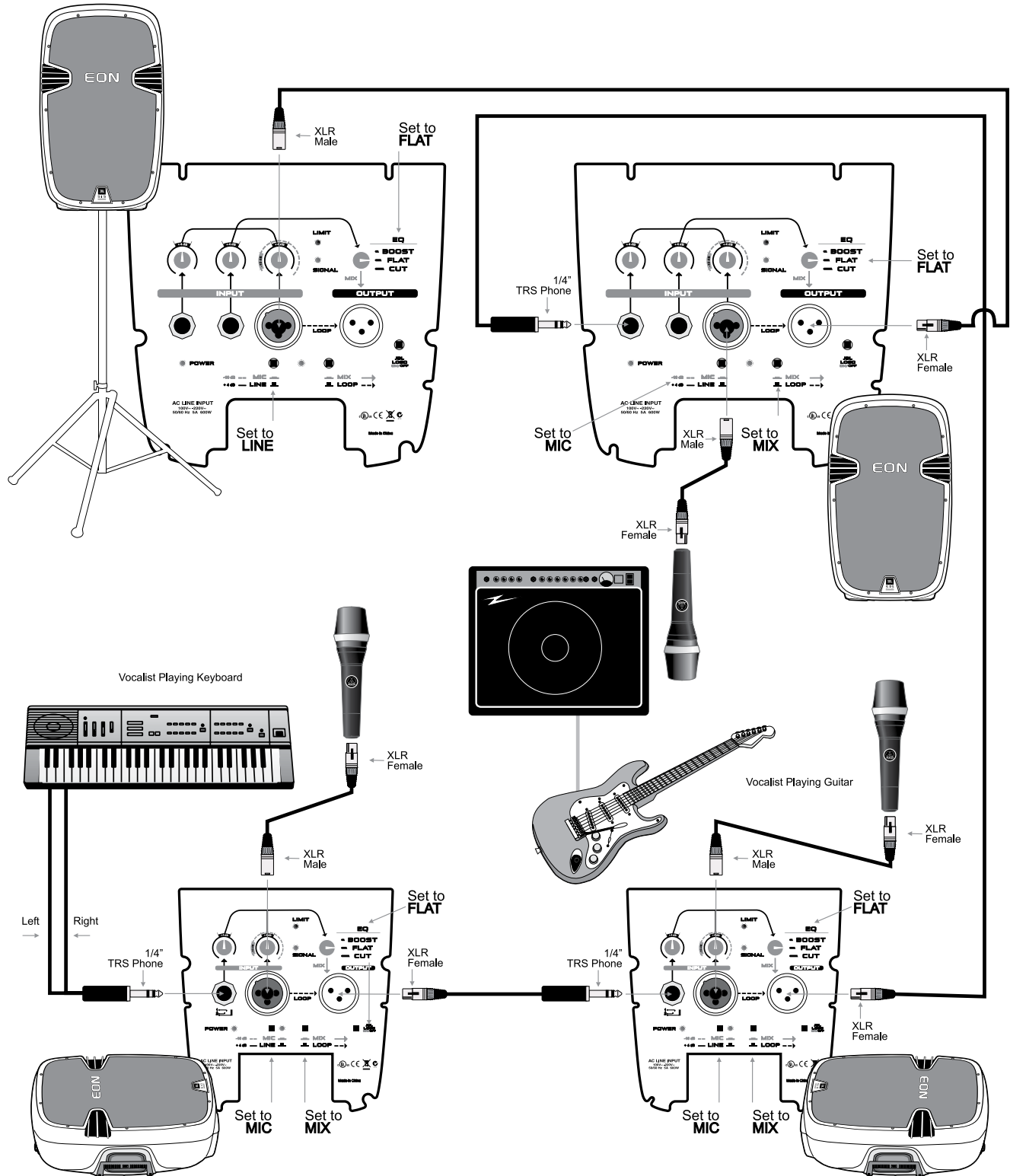
Using the Mix/Loop function



PA System With Powered Mains and Floor Monitors  
Gigging with the built-in mixers only



Using the Mix/Loop function





## Section 7: Connection Types

There are two basic types of audio system interconnections for audio signals: Balanced and Unbalanced. Your EON® can accept either type of input.

### Balanced Lines

In audio, a balanced line is a three-conductor system in which the two signal wires carry an equal, but opposite voltage with respect to the ground wire. The ground wire acts only as a shield and does not carry any audio signal current. Outside interference (such as RFI - Radio Frequency Interference) is either shielded from the internal signal conductor, or if it gets into the cable is cancelled out by the opposite signals at the receiving end. Balanced connections are preferred for any longer cable runs.

### Unbalanced Lines

Unbalanced cable is a two-wire system where the shield (ground wire) acts as one of the current carrying signal conductors. The center conductor enclosed by the shield is commonly known as the “hot” conductor. Unbalanced audio cables do not reject noise as well as balanced lines.

Unbalanced lines are typical in home hi-fi type systems and on the outputs of electronic musical instruments. These work well if the distance between the components is short, the signal level is relatively high and all of the electronics used in the system are plugged into the same AC service.

### Unbalanced Sources to EON Powered Loudspeakers

If you need to connect your EON speakers to an unbalanced source you have two options:

- Use the LINE 1 and LINE 2 connectors. These inputs are balanced but will accept unbalanced inputs without the need for any special adapters.
- Use an adapter or special cable

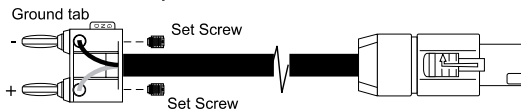
## Cables and Connectors

### Passive Speaker Cables

#### 1/4" Phone to Speakon® NL-4



#### Dual Banana to Speakon® NL-4



#### NL-4 to Speakon® NL-4 (with 2 Conductor Cable)

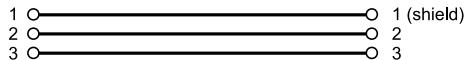


## Cables and Connectors (continued)

### XLR/F to XLR/M Microphone Cable

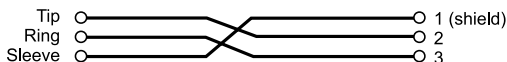
The standard cable for interconnection of microphone and line level signal in professional audio systems.

- Microphone to mixer
- Professional audio mixer to EON INPUT
- Microphone to EON INPUT
- "Daisy chaining" EON speaker systems



### TRS (Balanced) 1/4" Phone to XLR/M Cable

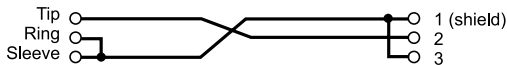
For connecting balanced devices with 1/4" connector to EON XLR input.



### TRS (Unbalanced) 1/4" Phone to XLR/M Cable

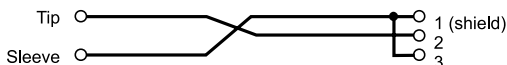
For connection of instruments with unbalanced outputs to balanced XLR input.

- Sources (signal processors, electronic instruments) with 1/4" unbalanced outputs to amps, processors, and powered speakers with balanced XLR/F inputs.



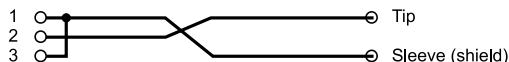
### TS (Unbalanced) 1/4" Phone to XLR/M Cable

This cable is electrically identical to "TRS (unbalanced) 1/4" Phone to XLR/M above and may be used interchangeably.



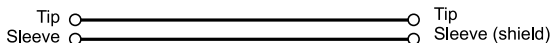
### XLR/M to RCA (phono) Cable

Connects consumer audio products and some DJ mixer outputs to professional audio equipment inputs.



### TS (Unbalanced) 1/4" Phone to RCA (phono) Cable

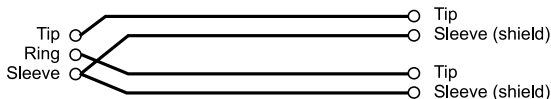
- Connects outputs of consumer audio equipment to unbalanced line inputs of EON15 G2 and many mixers
- Connects unbalanced line outputs of many mixers to the inputs of consumer audio recorders.



### TRS 1/4" Phone to dual TS 1/4" Phone

Splits a stereo output into separate left/right signals.

- Connects stereo electric guitar to two unbalanced audio inputs.
- Change to a TRS mini-phone to connect to the output of portable CD players and computer sound cards to a mixer or powered speakers.
- Connects a headphone output to two unbalanced audio inputs.
- Also used to connect signal processors to the "insert" of many mixing consoles.

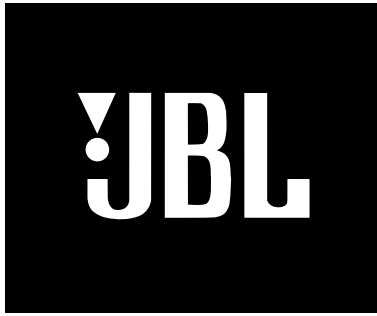


## Section 8: Trouble Shooting

Symptom	Likely Cause	What to do
No sound	Speaker not connected to active AC power	Verify that speaker is connected and that the circuit is on
	Power not switched on	Switch on power and verify that power LED is on
No sound, speaker is connected to working AC power but won't come on.	Speaker power cable is faulty or improperly connected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-seat the power cable at both ends.</li> <li>• Substitute a known-good power cable</li> </ul>
	Blown fuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check fuse and replace with same type "spare fuse in holder".</li> </ul>
No sound. Speaker comes on.	Signal source (mixer, instrument, etc.) is not sending.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check VU meters on the source mixer</li> <li>• Verify that the tape or CD is playing.</li> <li>• Use headphones to verify that the instrument is actually sending an audio signal</li> </ul>
	Faulty cables and connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disconnect and re-seat signal cables.</li> <li>• Replace suspected cable with a known-good cable</li> </ul>
No sound with microphone connected directly to the MIC/ LINE input.	Microphone requires phantom power	The EON does not supply phantom power. Switch to a dynamic microphone, use a battery powered microphone (if possible), use an external phantom power supply for condenser type microphones.
Signal sounds distorted and very loud, LIMIT light is lit most of the time.	Excessive input signal, trying to exceed the capabilities of the speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the output level of the source.</li> <li>• Turn down the level controls on the speaker.</li> <li>• Use additional EON speakers.</li> </ul>
Signal sounds distorted even at moderate volumes, LIMIT light is not lit.	Mixer or other source is overdriven	<p>Review the Owner's Manual for your mixer and adjust controls as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input sensitivity (gain)</li> <li>• Channel faders</li> <li>• Master faders Once this is done, review the instructions in the Quick Start section of this guide.</li> </ul>
Lots of hiss in the sound, the mixer controls are at very low settings.	Improper gain structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that the MIC/LINE switch is in the LINE (disengaged) position.</li> <li>• Reduce the level settings at speaker. Review the Owner's Manual for your mixer and adjust controls as needed.</li> <li>• Input sensitivity (gain)</li> <li>• Channel faders</li> <li>• Master faders</li> </ul>
Noise or hiss heard at output.	Noisy source device	Disconnect the devices that are connected to your speaker one at a time. If the noise goes away, the problem is with the source or the connecting cable.
Hum or Buzz that increases or decreases when the mixer level controls are moved.	Improper A/C ground or faulty equipment connected to mixer input	Disconnect or mute channels one at a time to isolate the problem. Refer to the owner's manual of the faulty equipment for troubleshooting help.
	Faulty cable between source equipment and mixer	Substitute a known-good cable for the suspected faulty cable.
Hum or Buzz	Improper A/C grounding, ground loops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Lift' the audio ground by using an XLR/F to XLR/M adapter on one end.</li> <li>• Re-route audio cables away from AC power and lighting cables.</li> </ul>
	Excessively long unbalanced cable run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the balanced outputs (if available) of your mixer or source equipment to drive your EON speakers.</li> <li>• Use a "DI" (direct injection) box to convert your unbalanced equipment output to a balanced output.</li> </ul>
	Improper system gain structure	Reduce the INPUT level controls and increase the output level of your source devices.
The inputs from INPUT 1 and INPUT 2 aren't coming out of the OUT connector	MIX/LOOP SWITCH set improperly	Set the MIX/LOOP SWITCH to the MIX position (depressed).
The speaker connected to the OUT connector goes up in volume when I adjust the INPUT 3 control on the first speaker.	MIX/LOOP SWITCH set improperly	Disengage the MIX/LOOP OUT switch, Set to LOOP.
Speakers feed back and howl when the microphone volume is turned up	Microphones are pointed into the speakers	Move the speakers so they do not point at the microphone's pickup pattern.
	Equalizer settings are incorrect	Locate the feedback frequency and reduce it using the mixer EQ or an external equalizer.
	Excessive gain	Reduce the gain at the mixer and move the microphone closer to the sound source.

## Section 9: Contact Information

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## **Section 10: Warranty Information**

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The JBL Limited Warranty on professional loudspeaker products (except for enclosures) remains in effect for five years from the date of the first consumer purchase. JBL amplifiers are warranted for three years from the date of original purchase. Enclosures and all other JBL products are warranted for two years from the date of original purchase.

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Your JBL Warranty protects the original owner and all subsequent owners so long as: A.) Your JBL product has been purchased in the Continental United States, Hawaii or Alaska. (This Warranty does not apply to JBL products purchased elsewhere except for purchases by military outlets. Other purchasers should contact the local JBL distributor for warranty information.); and B.) The original dated bill of sale is presented whenever warranty service is required.

### **What Does The JBL Warranty Cover?**

Except as specified below, your JBL Warranty covers all defects in material and workmanship. The following are not covered: Damage caused by accident, misuse, abuse, product modification or neglect; damage occurring during shipment; damage resulting from failure to follow instructions contained in your Instruction Manual; damage resulting from the performance of repairs by someone not authorized by JBL; claims based upon any misrepresentations by the seller; any JBL product on which the serial number has been defaced, modified or removed.

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JBL will pay all labor and material expenses for all repairs covered by this warranty. Please be sure to save the original shipping cartons because a charge will be made if replacement cartons are requested. Payment of shipping charges is discussed in the next section of this warranty.

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If your JBL product ever needs service, write or telephone us at JBL Incorporated (Attn: Customer Service Department), 8500 Balboa Boulevard, PO. Box 2200, Northridge, California 91329 (818/893-8411). We may direct you to an authorized JBL Service Agency or ask you to send your unit to the factory for repair. Either way, you'll need to present the original bill of sale to establish the date of purchase. Please do not ship your JBL product to the factory without prior authorization. If transportation of your JBL product presents any unusual difficulties, please advise us and we may make special arrangements with you. Otherwise, you are responsible for transporting your product for repair or arranging for its transportation and for payment of any initial shipping charges. However, we will pay the return shipping charges if repairs are covered by the warranty.

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